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SUMMARY: SEPTEMBER 23 DISCUSSIONS WERE TOUGHEST YET, BUT RESULTED IN MEASURED PROGRESS, ESPECIALLY ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE ARTICLE. AT OUTSET, CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATOR ZEMLA INVITED U.S. REACTIONS TO CZECHOSLOVAK LANGUAGE TABLED SEPTEMBER 2 BUT DID NOT TABLE ANY NEW LANGUAGE OF HIS OWN. ZEMLA DECLARED THAT THE TIME WAS RIPE FOR CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAYS, BUT DURING COURSE OF THE MORNING STRONG DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OVER SOME KEY ISSUES MADE IT CERTAIN AT LEAST ONE MORE MEETING WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON SEVERAL BASIC QUESTIONS, AMONG THEM THE MENTIONING OF "INDIVIDUALS" IN IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE, MEDIA COOPERATION AND REFERENCE TO CULTURAL CENTERS. GREATEST PROGRESS ACHIEVED WAS CZECHOSLOVAK ACCEPTANCE  
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OF SIZEABLE PART OF U.S. DRAFT LANGUAGE ON MEDIA

COOPERATION. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 1. FYI WE WILL TRANSMIT SEPTTEL A FULL  
TEXT OF U.S. DRAFT AS IT STANDS. END FYI. END SUMMARY

1. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO DR. ZEMLA, EMPHASIZING  
THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE IN  
U.S. ACADEMIC SYSTEM.

2. IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE - AMBASSADOR REVIEWED  
ARGUMENTS FOR SPELLING OUT ROLE FOR "INDIVIDUALS" IN  
IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE AND URGED CZECHOSLOVAKS TO  
RECONSIDER THEIR STAND. ZEMLA AGAIN PUT UP STRONG  
RESISTANCE AND ASKED US TO "BE REALISTIC" AND NOT  
EXPECT A "PERFECT" AGREEMENT. WE DID NOT TABLE  
COMPROMISE LANGUAGE SUGGESTED REF, B, PARA. 4.

3. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - REVIEW OF ARTICLE ON  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REVEALED ONLY MINOR DISAGREEMENTS  
OF AN EDITORIAL CHARACTER, EXCEPT THAT U.S.  
SIDE DELAYED AGREEING TO ANY LANGUAGE ON PATENTS AND  
LICENSING FOR TACTICAL REASONS. U.S. TEAM HAD  
COMBINED AND SLIGHTLY MODIFIED FIRST TWO ARTICLES  
IN CZECHOSLOVAK SCIENTIFIC DRAFT, REF C, TO ELIMINATE  
REPTITION AND PROVIDE SYMMETRY WITH INTRODUCTORY  
ARTICLE OF CULTURAL DRAFT. CZECHOSLOVAKS HESITATED  
TO ACCEPT OUR REVISION, BUT NEVERTHELESS TERMED THE  
QUESTION A "MINOR, TECHNICAL" ONE. THEY ASKED  
THAT PHRASE "PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE" -- ORIGINALLY IN  
U.S. SCIENTIFIC DRAFT -- BE INSERTED IN LEAD ARTICLE  
THUS: "THE CONTRACTING PARTIES . . . SHALL PROVIDE  
IN THE FIELDS OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE, ETC."  
AS THIS TERMICNOLOGY WAS OURS TO BEGIN WITH WE SEE NO  
REASON TO OPPOSE IT. ASSUME DEPARTMENT AGREES.

4. SCHOLARSHIPS - WE MADE PITCH SUGGESTED IN PARA 1,  
REF D, TO DELETE ALL REFERENCE TO SCHOLARSHIPS IN  
SCIENTIFIC PART OF AGREEMENT, BUT ZEMLA INSISTED THAT  
GOC MUST HAVE MENTION OF EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN  
BOTH PARTS "FOR PRACTICAL REASONS." ZEMLA WOULD STILL  
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LIKE TO COMBINE CZECHOSLOVAK AND U.S. LANGUAGE AS  
REPORTED PARA. 6, REFTTEL A. ACTION REQUESTED: DOES  
DEPARTMENT HAVE STRONG PREFERENCE AS TO FORM OF  
LANGUAGE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, OR MAY WE PUT LANGUAGE OF  
PARA. 1, REFTTEL D, IN BOTH SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
SECTIONS?

5. PATENTS AND LICENSING: - WE DECIDED NOT TO OFFER

COMPROMISE FORMULATION/ "LICENSING" (REFTEL D, PARA. 2)  
UNTIL CZECHOSLOVAKS REVEAL THEIR STAND ON IMPORTANT  
ITEMS IN CULTURAL SECTION. ACCORDINGLY, WE SAID  
WE WERE NOT YET READY TO RESPOND TO THEIR PROPOSAL  
THAT THE ITEM BE INCLUDED. WE DID NOT, ON THE OTHER  
HAND, RULE OUT ITS INCLUSION.

6. CULTURAL EXCHANGES - CZECHOSLOVAKS CAME CLOSER TO  
MEETING US ON NEW MEDIA LANGUAGE (REFTEL A, PARA. 18)  
THAN WE HAD EXPECTED, BUT BALKED AT INCLUSION OF  
MENTION OF "PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSPAPERS" AND  
OF "CULTURAL CENTERS". WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THEY  
HAVE MADE FAIRLY GENEROUS CONCESSION IN AGREEING TO  
ALLOW "ACCESS TO READING ROOMS", AND THAT THEY HAVE  
AGREED TO MORE THAN WHAT USG ACHIEVED IN CSCE ON  
SUBJECT OF ACCESS TO SUCH FACILITIES.

7. HUMANITIES AND SCIENCE - WE REVIEWED CULTURAL  
SECTION WITH CZECHOSLOVAKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAS  
4-10 OF REFTEL D. CZECHOSLOVAKS MADE STRONG PITCH  
TO REMOVE SPECIFIC MENTION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL  
SCIENCES FROM LEAD PARAGRAPH SAYING THAT IT EMPHASIZED  
UNDULY THE PHILOSOPHICAL SIDE OF EDUCATION TO THE  
DETIMENT OF OTHER FIELDS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE AND  
TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. U.S. SIDE EXPRESSED SURPRISE  
THAT GOC APPARENTLY VIEWED CULTURAL SECTION AS PLACE  
TO PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGES IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL  
AREAS. GOC SIDE REPLIED THAT "EDUCATION" NATURALLY  
INCLUDED SCIENCE. COMMENT: U.S. SIDE HAS ALREADY  
REPEATEDLY MENTIONED SCIENCE IN CULTURAL SECTION --  
FOR EXAMPLE BY AGREEING TO "EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR STUDY AT SCHOOLS, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
INSTITUTIONS," INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO ECOLOGY  
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INTER ALIA. WE PLAN TO MAINTAIN POSITION THAT  
CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE TO ACCEPT SPECIFIC MENTION OF  
"HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES" FOR PROPER BALANCE.  
END COMMENT.

8. STUDENTS - ZEMLA REITERATED GOC POLICY OF  
SENDING ONLY GRADUATE STUDENTS ABROAD, AND SAID  
THAT AN AGREEMENT WHICH APPEARED TO CONTRADICT THIS  
POLICY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE ADVISE THIS  
POINT.

9. AS USUAL, CZECHOSLOVAKS ASKED THAT WORD "INSTITUTIONS"  
PRECEDE "INDIVIDUALS" IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF  
CULTURAL SECTION. IN ADDITION WORD "TEAM" SHOULD IN  
CZECHOSLOVAK VIEW, PRECEDE WORD "INDIVIDUALS" IN

CALUSE ON SPORTS COOPERATION. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH  
PLACEMENT.

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10. WE AGREED TO DROP TERM "ACADEMIC" ENTLJLCFBI  
PARAGRAPH ON PERFORMING ARTISTS (REFTEL E).

11. CULTURAL CENTERS - CZECHOSLOVAKS ADAMANTLY REFUSED  
TO ACCEPT MENTION OF CULTURAL CENTERS. THEY CONTINUED  
TO MAINTAIN THAT IDEA OF EXCHANGING CULTURAL CENTERS  
WITH "CAPITALIST" COUNTRIES WAS "PREMATURE", THAT  
ONLY OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES HAD CULTURAL CENTERS  
IN PRAGUE, AND THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A SEPARATE AGREEMENT  
TO ESTABLISH SUCH CENTERS. LONG ARGUMENT  
ENSUED, WITH OUR SIDE POINTING TO U.S. CENTERS IN  
OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT CZECHOSLOVAKS  
WOULD NOT BUDGE.

12. SPORTS - CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE "FORMALLY REQUESTED"  
THAT PARAGRAPH ON SPORTS COOPERATION BE MADE A  
SEPARATE ARTICLE. DOES DEPARTMENT OBJECT?

13. HEALTH CARE - DR. ZEMLA NOTED THAT U.S. REVISED  
DRAFT OMITTED REFERENCE TO COOPERATION IN FIELD OF  
HEALTH. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH REF. E, BUT GOC SIDE PERSISTED IN WANTING SOME

MENTION.

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14. MEDIA COOPERATION - CZECHOSLOVAKS ACCEPTED IN TOTO THE FIRST ANDDD SECOND PARAGRAPHS OF U.S. ARTICLE ON MEDIA COOPERATION (REF. A, PARA 18), BUT REFUSED TO MENTION "PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSPAPERS." THEY ALSO ASKED THAT LANGUAGE ON MEDIA COOPERATION FORM A SEPARATE ARTICLE. ARGUMENT WAS TWO-PRONGED: FIRST, THAT WESTERN PRESS ATTACKS CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS, AND SECOND THAT CZECH IS NOT A WELL-KNOWN LANGUAGE IN U.S., HENCE EXCHANGE WOULD BE ONE-SIDED. ARGUMENT ENSUED, BUT IN THE END CZECHOSLOVAKS ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT U.S. LANGUAGE. EMBASSY TEAM HAS DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE LANGUAGE AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL:

QUOTE THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL. . . ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPERS, AND OTHER MATERIALS DESIGNED TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. END QUOTE. IF CZECHOSLOVAKS ADAMANTLY REJECT REF TO "NEWSPAPERS", REQUEST GUIDANCE ON DROPPING IT. AMBASSADOR ASKED DR. ZEMLA, IN SPITE OF HIS DISTASTE FOR THE SUBJECT, TO COME UP WITH A REVISED DRAFT ON MEDIA COOPERATION FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

15. TOURISM - CZECHOSLOVAKS ACCEPTED U.S. REVISED ARTICLE ON TOURISM (PARA 20, REF A).

16. FINAL PROVISIONS - CZECHOSLOVAKS ASKED FOR U.S. REACTION TO "GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS" TABLED SEPTEMBER 2 (REF F). WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT U.S. VERSION OF ARTICLE RESPECTING CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES WAS ACCEPTABLE TO CZECHOSLOVAKS, BUT WILL MAKE CERTAIN AT NEXT MEETING.

17. DURATION OF AGREEMNT - CZECHOSLOVAKS FOR VARIOUS REASONS WOULD PREFER THAT AGREEMENT REMAIN IN FORCE FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS UNLESS TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY (REF F). U.S. SIDE ARGUED THAT TWO-YEAR TRIAL PERIOD WOULD GIVE PARTIES A CHANCE TO REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND MAKE ANY CHANGES  
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THAT MIGHT PROVE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE. BOTH SIDES MAINTAINED POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE. REQUEST DEPARTMENTS REACTION TO COMPROMISE CALLING FOR TWO-YEAR INITIAL AGREEMENT, WITH AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RENEWAL UP TO PERIOD TOTALLING FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE OF THE ACCORD.

18. NEXT STEPS - AT MEETING OCTOBER 1, EMBASSY PROPOSES, WITH DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, TO OFFER TO INCLUDE BRIEF REFERENCE TO HEALTH CARE, POSSIBLY FOLLOWING "ECOLOGY" IN ITEM H OF THE CULTURAL SECTION, AND TO PATENTS AND LICENSING, IN RETURN FOR WHICH WE WOULD REQUIRE REFERENCE TO CULTURAL CENTERS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OFFER LANGUAGE ON MEDIA COOPERATION AS PROPOSED PARA 14.

19. AS FOR FURTHER STEPS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO POINTS RAISED IN PARAS 3, 4, 12, 14, 17 AND 19 ABOVE BY COB WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.  
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